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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE TO BE DELIVERED JANUARY 19 TO BULGARIAN EMBASSY CONCERNING BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE AT SAN FRANCISCO:

BEGIN TEXT: THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE REQUEST BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER POPOV TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDERICK DENT IN SEPTEMBER, 1974, CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND TO INFORM HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA THAT SUCH OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. THE PERSONNEL OF SAID OFFICE WOULD BE COMPRISED OF NO
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MORE THAN TWO EMPLOYEES AND ONE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT. THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE EMPLOYEES OF THE BULGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. THEY WILL BE GIVEN OFFICIAL A-2 VISAS.

2. NO MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THIS OFFICE WILL POSSESS THE

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PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACCORDED TO DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OR BE CARRIED ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. PROVIDED THAT THE TRADE PROMOTION OFFICE AND ITS STAFF COMPLIES WITH ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT BULGARIAN NATIONALS ON THE STAFF WILL BE EXEMPT FROM UNITED STATES INCOME AND SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON THEIR COMPENSATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

4. BULGARIAN STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES WHO ARE NEITHER NATIONALS NOR PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT.

5. BULGARIAN STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THOSE TRAVEL CONTROLS WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY, AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

6. THE TRADE PROMOTION OFFICE AND ITS STAFF WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938, AS AMENDED, AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

7. MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WILL ENGAGE IN GENERAL TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AND WILL NOT FUNCTION AS AGENTS OR
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PRINCIPALS IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS NOR ENTER INTO ANY
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CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF BULGARIAN, OR ANY OTHER, COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

8. THE OFFICES WILL BE UTILIZED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES CONSONANT WITH THEIR TRADE PROMOTION FUNCTION.

9. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BE GIVEN FORMAL ADVANCE NOTICE OF ALL PERSONNEL BEING ASSIGNED TO THE TRADE PROMOTION OFFICE OR TERMINATED THEREFROM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

10. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL CONSULT WITH THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY PRIOR TO MAKING ANY AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION OF THE FOREGOING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATEEXPRESSESTHEHOPE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BULGARIAN TRADE PROMOTION OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL RESULT IN FURTHER IMPROVING BENEFICIAL

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TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END OF TEXT.

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